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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE **Alex Sandor**
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** **In My Life** **#468**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 94)**

One: O Lord our God, remove any pride within our hearts!

All: Let us uplift the widow and the orphan.

One: Evil people say "The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive those in need."

All: God planted the ear, formed the eye, and fashioned our hearts for the love of others.

One: Our thoughts are temporal, like empty breaths.

All: The Lord is forever, God has become our stronghold, and the rock of our refuge.

***HYMN** **Be Thou My Vision** **#450**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who provides all wisdom:

Sometimes we are self-centered and half-hearted creatures.

Sometimes we ask for things that do not honor you.

Asking for wisdom can be difficult.

We want to think of others first.

We want to seek after what you seek.

We want to continuously ask for wisdom.

Our circumstances cloud our judgement.

Provide us wisdom and clarity.

Remind us of how you provided for Solomon when all he asked for was wisdom. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As Mary Oliver said: You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves. We were made to love God, our neighbors and ourselves.

Wisdom reminds us that: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Kathryn Craven**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Kathy Nelson**
New Testament Reading **Ephesians 5:15-20**

SERMON "What Would You Ask For?: An Everyday Encounter With God"

Rev. Brett M Foote
Old Testament Reading **1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14**

***HYMN** **God of Grace and God of Glory** **#307**

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY **Alex Sandor**
***RESPONSE** **#647**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what

the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of wisdom, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me #700

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/15

10:00 AM Morning Worship
Coffee Break following service
4-5 PM Community Dinner

MONDAY 8/16

6 PM Elementary Evenings

TUESDAY 8/17

WEDNESDAY 8/18

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
1 PM Caregiver Conversations
4 PM Adventure Group @ Silos & Sailboat Races
4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 8/19

6 PM Youth Evenings
6:15 PM Session Meeting (Zoom)

FRIDAY 8/20

SATURDAY 8/21

Birthdays This Week

8/15 Dorothy Granfors

LOOKING AHEAD

August 18 Adventure Group @ Silos & Sailboat Races
August 28 Wilderness Adventure Retreat

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

SOFTBALL

UPC played hard but falls 30-13 vs North Bay Church Tuesday.

#7 Kate Lisak had 2 hits for UPC.



CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

COFFEE HOUR

This month, Fellowship & Outreach's coffee hour will be moved to the third Sunday of the month. The second Sunday will be done by the Presbyterian Women. If any other groups or committees would like to take the other Sundays, they are welcome to do so.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

WILDERNESS ADVENTURE RETREAT

August 28th is our Wilderness Adventure Retreat at the Lake Nebagamon YMCA camp. We have use of the camp between 11-5. F&O will provide some light breakfast snack items upon arrival and a campfire meal later in the afternoon. We will enjoy some games, arts and crafts, walking, lots of singing and fellowship, and possibly some water activities. Everyone is invited to come and play or to just to visit with one another. All ages are invited.

ADVENTURE GROUP

The next Adventure Group activity is scheduled for next Wednesday, August 18th. We plan to go to Silos restaurant at 4:00 for refreshments and light food. Afterwards we plan to watch the sailboat races near the DECC. If weather is good we hope to get seated outdoors on the deck. Everyone is invited!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Good news! 50 PDA bags are ready to be filled. Due to a very generous donation last summer, we already have enough pencils. The first of the school supplies ad will be appearing soon.

PDA School Kit Supplies

1—Pair of blunt scissors (blunt tip)

3—70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)

1—30 centimeter ruler (12 inches)

1—Hand-held pencil sharpener

1—Large eraser

1—Box of 24 crayons

Please donate only items on this list, as some of the bags may need to go through customs, and PDA has clearance for the bags filled this way.

Thank you!

WEEDING

We need some help weeding the landscaped area on the side facing 28th street. If you feel up to helping with that, make sure to bring gloves (they are prickly), and swing by anytime to help out! If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Lisak.

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNING MEETING

We hope to start a UPC community garden next spring! So now is the time to start planning for it. Accordingly, the first planning meeting will take place Wednesday, August 25, at 4 pm (in person). Please join us then if you are interested in helping with this project. Questions? Contact Marian Langan (moms76triumph@yahoo.com; 218-213-8087) or Deborah Schlacks (desertswan@aol.com; 715-392-9195).

CONVERSATION CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19

So often we sit side by side and week after week in the pews without truly getting to know one another. We've been focusing on relationship building over the last two months and we see this as a great way to continue the conversation. After a year of isolation made harder by political divisiveness and social unrest, our society is desperately in need of spaces for connection and conversation. We at United know that change, growth, and healing can only come through curiosity, empathy, and courage. During this very different worship service put together by the worship committee and myself, we hope to move beyond small talk to practice curiosity, listening, and connection. Therefore, our time will focus on facilitating a unique conversation during a worship service that might provide fellowship, connection, and a glimpse of the holy. The service will last roughly one hour, and people will gather, hear scripture read, engage in thirty minutes of intentional and guided conversation with their neighbors as the sermon moment, and close with prayer and Holy Communion. We hope that you'll join us on Sunday, September 19 during our normal worship time.

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon - na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon - na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon - na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon - na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na
 I'm gon - na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)